

721—3.9(17A) Request for rehearing. Any party may file an application for rehearing, stating the specific grounds and the relief sought, within 20 days after the issuance of any final decision by the agency in a contested case. A copy of such application shall be timely mailed by the applicant to all parties of record not joining in the application. An application for rehearing shall be deemed to have been denied unless the agency grants the application within 20 days after its filing. A request for a rehearing need not be made as a prerequisite for seeking judicial review of a final decision.